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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: Commanding General's Policy Memorandum Number 14 – Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

1. Reference: AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 18 March 2008/RAR 27 April 2010.
2. I am personally committed to the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SARP) as a means to ensure that each individual in the Fort Gordon community is afforded an environment that is free of sexual assault. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, nonconsensual sexual contact, or attempts to commit these acts. "Consent" is not given when a person uses force, the threat of force, or coercion or the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.
3. Sexual assault is punishable under the Uniformed Code of Military Justice, and other Federal and local civilian laws. Sexual assault is incompatible with military and government civilian values and standards. Alleged sexual assault, like any alleged misconduct, will be addressed appropriately and in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
4. Commander, supervisor and manager involvement is critical to the success of the SARP. Commanders, supervisors, and leaders at every level, military and civilian, are expected to take responsibility for the prevention of sexual assault. Incidents of sexual assault shall be reported to the Installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), the Criminal Investigation Division, and the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA). I expect everyone to assist in maintaining a command climate in which sexual assault victims do not feel inhibited from reporting sexual assault incidents. Leaders should assure victims that every effort will be made to ensure his or her safety. I have enclosed a list of important points of contact for services available to victims of sexual assault, as well as a list of a victim's rights.
5. We must work to prevent sexual assault. Education is essential to prevention. Military members arriving at Fort Gordon will receive, at a minimum, a sexual assault awareness and prevention orientation within ten duty days. Additionally, Commanders,

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Command Sergeants Major, and First Sergeants will coordinate with the SARC to receive a sexual assault briefing within 45 days of taking the position. Unit Victim Advocates (UVA) and Deployable SARCs (D-SARC) will be identified and trained ensuring their recertification is completed annually. UVAs/D-SARCs will provide the training, the unit Commanders are directly responsible for ensuring his/her personnel are trained.

6. Each military member aware of a sexual assault should report it immediately (within 24 hours). Soldiers have a responsibility to know the sexual assault policies and the reporting procedures. For example, unit Commanders have a regulatory responsibility to report all incidents to the OSJA within 24 hours. Enclosed is a list of important points of contact for installation agencies responsible for relevant law enforcement, legal services, medical services, and social work services.

7. My goal is to create an environment free of sexual assault. This requires vigilance and active support from each person in the Fort Gordon community. Together, we can realize this goal.

8. Commanders and Supervisors will prominently post this policy memorandum and the enclosures on official unit/organizational bulletin boards and in work areas. Commanders and Supervisors will make this memorandum available to all United States Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon personnel.

9. Army Community Service is the proponent for this policy letter.

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This memorandum supersedes Commanding General's Policy Memorandum No. 14 – Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program, dated 14 June 2011.

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

Sexual Assault Definition

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim. "Consent" will not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, or coercion or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.

Reporting Options- Military members are afforded two sexual assault reporting options.

Restricted reporting allows a person who is a sexual assault victim, on a confidential basis, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the official investigative process. Persons who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy should report the assault to the sexual assault response coordinator (SARC), victim advocate, chaplain, or a healthcare provider.

Unrestricted reporting allows a person who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of his/her allegation to use current reporting channels (for example, the chain of command or law enforcement), or he/she may report the incident to the SARC or the on-call victim advocate. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately notify a victim advocate. Additionally, with the victim's consent, the healthcare provider will conduct a forensic examination, which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Victim Rights

- Right to be treated with fairness and respect
- Right to immediate and effective medical care
- Right to be reasonably protected
- Right to be notified of court proceedings
- Right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense (unless the court determines otherwise)
- Right to talk with the attorney for the Government in the case
- Right to restitution, if appropriate
- Right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment or release of the offender from custody

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Points of Contact

Sexual Assault Hotline Number	706-791-6297
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	706-791-2014
Victim Advocacy	706-791-6297/3579
D.D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center	706-787-5811/5222
Criminal Investigation Command	706-7914611
Military Police	706-791-4380/4537
Chaplain	706-791-5653
Staff Judge Advocate Office	706-791-3148
Victim Witness Liaison	706-791-1992
Behavioral Health	706-787-5392
Social Work Services	706-787-3656
Military One Source	800-342-9647
Rape Crisis of Augusta	706-724-5200
Richmond County Sheriff's Office	706-821-1080
Columbia County Police Department	706-541-2800

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SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING PROCESS

If YOU or someone you know are the Victim of Sexual Assault

**CALL 706-791-6297
AND REPORT THE
INCIDENT**

**A VICTIM
ADVOCATE WILL
BE ASSIGNED**

**THE VICTIM ADVOCATE
WILL EXPLAIN THE
REPORTING OPTIONS**

UNRESTRICTED

- Law Enforcement
- Chain of Command
- Medical Care
- Counseling
- Victim Advocacy
- Intervention/Support
- Information

RESTRICTED

- Medical Care
- Counseling
- Victim Advocacy
- Intervention/Support
- Information

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
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